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Former Secret Service Director Says Warren Knew of Castro Plots

Washington (AP) — A former head of the Secret Service confirmed that the late Chief Justice Earl Warren told him that he had learned of U.S. plots to kill Cuba's Fidel Castro, but not until three years after the Warren Commission had concluded its investigation into the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

James J. Rowley, who retired in 1973 as director of the Secret Service, also said that he had passed the information to Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Sources reported that the Senate Intelligence Committee has obtained a copy of Rowley's memo to Hoover.

Rowley said an unidentified source had given the information to Warren at a meeting arranged by the late columnist Drew Pearson.

Rowley was unable to recall specifics of the memo.

The memo provides the first evidence that Warren, who headed the investigation which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy, knew of the CIA plots to kill Castro. Rowley's memo was written in 1967, three years after the Warren commission published its conclusions.